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## Betty Grable Tops Salary List For U.S. Women

Washington, June 12.—Charles Skouras, US\$810,000 a year Greek born cinema magnate, was listed Sunday night by the Treasury as America's highest paid corporation employee in 1947.

Betty Grable, with US\$208,000, was best paid of her sex in a list of more than 1,000 people who drew more than US\$75,000 in pay from corporations in 1947 or in the business and fiscal year ending in 1948.

It was the third consecutive year at the top for Skouras, although his compensation as President of the National Theatres' Amusement Company, Incorporated, and of Fox West Coast Agency Corporation, was US\$175,300 less than they paid him the year before.

All the sums listed were before tax deductions.

Miss Grable and Olivia de Havilland were the only women among 47 persons credited as earning more than US\$200,000 during 1947.

Following Skouras were: Vincent Riggio, President of the American Tobacco Company, US\$484,200.

**HOLLYWOOD EARNERS**

Preston Sturges, film director of Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, US\$370,000.

E. H. Little, President of the Colgate Palmolive-Peet Company, US\$350,000.

Alfred Hollywood personnel listed:

Raymond Milland, US\$255,333; Tex Willer, US\$219,700; Bob Hope, US\$114,000; Douglas Fairbanks, US\$113,000; Maureen O'Hara, US\$108,000; Tyrone Power, US\$231,027.

Arturo Toscanini drew US\$102,000 from the National Broadcasting Company.

Chester Gould, cartoonist of Dick Tracy, got US\$110,702 from the Chicago Tribune and New York News Syndicate.

Others with more than US\$75,000 included:

Patric Knowles, US\$2,541; Charles Laughton, US\$100,000; Phyllis Calvert, US\$100,000; Billy Wilder, US\$180,000, all from Paramount Pictures.

Laughton also got US\$33,333 from Vanguard Films Incorporated. Other incomes:

Peggy Commins, US\$82,833; Richard Greene, US\$70,000; Anatole Litvak, US\$115,200, all from 20th Century Fox Film Corporation.—Associated Press.

## Married For 7th Time

Harlan, Kentucky, June 12.—Seven times a bride, 89-year-old Mrs Lucy Jane Johnson looked at spectators outside County Judge W. J. K. Howard's chambers where she was married this week-end and naked, "Why should I not get married if I want to?"

Mrs Johnson's newest husband, Isaac, is 75 and he has been married three times. They both reside at Molen near the Bellharlan County line. He listed his occupation as a labourer.

Court records showed Mrs Johnson's sixth husband, the late John Blewitt, was 95 at the time of their marriage in September, 1945. Records did not show whether Mrs Johnson was widowed or divorced from her previous husbands.—Associated Press.

## Bandit Chase On Lantao

### Four Men Captured

An official statement issued this morning denying an attack on a Police launch off Lantao Island, states that actually land operations have been taking place against suspected bandits on the island.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a Police party, commanded by S.I. Schirrleksky, went into action against a party of bandits due west of Shek Plik. The engagement lasted several hours.

One bandit was killed and four captured. Four revolvers and a hand grenade were seized.

A Police rifle lost during an action on June 8 was recovered. There were no Police or civilian casualties.

## Plane Disaster

Versailles, June 12.—Three persons were killed and a fourth injured seriously today when two planes crashed into each other at the airfield here.

A former German Junkers transport, coming in for a landing, side-swiped a Nord-1100 that had just taken off with four passengers aboard.

The Nord was wrecked, but the Junker succeeded in landing safely.—United Press.

## Big Four Meet In Secret

## DOCKERS TO GO BACK

### SURPRISE MOVE AFTER DEADLOCKED CONFERENCE

## Mr Vyshinsky Accused Of Talking Propaganda

Paris, June 12.—The conference of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers tonight went into secret session for what observers believed was a move to reopen real discussion on a plan for a settlement of the differences over Berlin. The official explanation for tonight's secret session, which began after four and a quarter hours' open discussion, was that the Ministers were discussing the procedure of the next meeting.

But conference observers said that they were increasingly convinced that behind the inconclusive surface of today's open session, moves were afoot to achieve a live and let live settlement in Berlin.

At their secret session the Foreign Ministers were attended by only one adviser each and an authoritative American source described the session as "the most restricted of the conference."

The Soviet spokesman declared that no decision had been reached on the call made by Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, for the drafting of a German peace treaty which would provide for the withdrawal of all occupation troops one year after its signature.

United States delegation spokesman said that tonight's secret session was to decide what the Ministers will discuss at their open session which was scheduled for tomorrow but which they now have agreed to hold on Tuesday.

The secret session was held in the private office, in the Rose Palace, of M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister.

Tonight's surprise developments followed a series of informal private talks between all the Foreign Ministers, including Mr Vyshinsky, within the last 24 hours.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, charged that Russia's argument for an early peace treaty with Germany was "as full of propaganda as a dog is full of fleas." "In fact, I would say it is all fleas and no dog."

### LONG ARGUMENT

For four and a half hours the Big Four argued about the Soviet Minister's proposal for each of the four powers to submit draft peace treaties to Germany to the Council within three months and withdraw all occupation troops from Germany one year after the treaty was signed.

"The Western powers have reflected Mr Vyshinsky's proposal without qualification as being unrealistic.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, warned that before he could consider the withdrawal of troops in Germany he must know what kind of Germany was to exist.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, said preparation of the peace treaty must go hand in hand with assurances that security would be safeguarded.

It was Mr Acheson who pointed a finger at Mr Vyshinsky and accused him of propaganda. Mr Acheson said it was politics to talk about a peace treaty before there was unification of Germany.

"Anyone drawing up a peace treaty with Germany in present conditions would be drawing up a fantastic document," said Mr Acheson. "Acceptance of the Soviet document would be a cruel illusion for millions of Germans."

"We have a very grave responsibility to the world. Many millions of lives depend upon how this treaty is concluded. To use it as the plaything of propaganda is a pastime I do not want to join."

### POLICY STATEMENT

For Britain, Mr Bevin made a statement on Britain's policy on the withdrawal of troops.

He declared that a withdrawal from Germany could not be considered until it was absolutely sure that security safeguards were satisfied.

Contrary to the assumption that Mr Vyshinsky had made, he had not accepted the Soviet proposals on the preparation of a German peace treaty, Mr Bevin added.

The following is a fuller version of what Mr Bevin said:

"I want to make the United Kingdom delegation's position quite clear. We are not ready to commit ourselves to any time or period for the withdrawal of troops."

"Like the rest of us sitting at this table we have had two wars with Germany. We want to know what sort of Germany it is going to be, what sort of methods there will be for keeping

Today's Weather: Moderate southerly winds. Mainly fair but scattered light showers in the area.  
Noon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1005.0 mb., 29.73 in. Temperature, 84.6 deg. F. Dew point, 78 deg. F. Relative humidity, 83. Wind direction, SW by South. Wind force, 10 knots.

Low water, 1 in. at 6.49 p.m. High water, 4 ft. at 2.15 a.m. (Tuesday).

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## Leicestershires Due Here Tomorrow Morning

The first sizable reinforcements for the Colony's land forces are due in the troopship, Empire Halladale, tomorrow. They are the 1st Battalion, the Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Also due by the same trooper is a detachment of the 4th Hussars, who come from Malaya, where they have been engaged in weeding out jungle terrorists since last September.

The Empire Halladale will tie up at Holt's Wharf at 10.30 a.m. tomorrow, and the troops, on disembarkation, will proceed in the first instance to Whitfield Barracks.

An Associated Press message from London says that 1,500 troops of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders sailed yesterday to reinforce the garrison at Hongkong. They left on board the 14,000-ton transport, Empire Trooper.

## But Strikes Continue

London, June 12.—Dockers in Liverpool, one of the ports hit by the strike in support of the Canadian seamen, are to return to work tomorrow. After an hour's talk tonight, the men decided to end the 16-day old strike.

Fifty men who objected were shouted down. Strike leaders strongly denied the suggestion of the Labour Minister, Mr George Isaacs, that they were "Communist dupes."

They told the man that it was advisable to return since the Avonmouth dispute was breaking up and a steamer shifted to Liverpool from there would no longer be in dispute.

Railwaymen at Hull also decided to resume normal Sunday work next Sunday.

Strikers on the North-East Region railway link to Scotland, and dockers at Bristol and Liverpool, defied Mr Isaacs who, in a radio speech last night, told them not to be Communist dupes.

The railwaymen object to new duties which compel them to sleep away from home, and this was the fifth Sunday in succession that they have refused to work Liverpool.

**IN SYNPATY**

Men on the other sections of the nationalised railway system have also come out in sympathy as the successive strikes have been staged.

Today, nearly 300 of the men at depots in the Newcastle area, a vital centre on the North-Eastern route, decided to go on strike. Striking Sunday, as Dr Kan Chich-hou, personal representative of the acting President of China, Li Tsung-jen, disclosed that he had presented a new request for American assistance to the struggling Nationalist government.

**NO ENCOURAGEMENT**

Dr Kan gave the Department of State, Mr James Webb, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee during hearings on Korea, said that he would ask the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, to do this as soon as the latter returned from the Foreign Ministers' conference.

Hearings on the administration's request for a US\$150,000,000 economic rehabilitation programme for South Korea brought into sharp focus the desire of many Congressmen to do so in the light of the evolution of matters in Germany and of the progress of the developments made in Germany.

"When the time arrives for a united Germany which is capable of accepting a peace treaty, we should then know what the forces for the maintenance of order in Germany will be. We can then sit down with our three colleagues and carefully consider a date on which it would be safe for us to withdraw troops from Germany."

"I want to make this categoric statement because I do not want to get into spheres of propaganda. I am not going to play up to the Germans on this matter. We can then sit down with our three colleagues and carefully consider a date on which it would be safe for us to withdraw troops from Germany."

"I want to make a categorical statement of what Britain's approach is and I think I ought to make it now and put it on record."—Reuter and United Press.

### FULLER PICTURE NEEDED

Several members of the Foreign Affairs Committee have told State Department officials, both in open and closed hearings, in the past few days that they would not be able to vote in favour of Korean aid or any other measures affecting the Far East until they had a better general idea of United States policy in that area.

Officials still dismissed "unfounded" rumours that the United States was reconsidering the possibility of a limited aid programme to help the Nationalists defend Southwestern China. Sources close to the State Department said such a plan was not under consideration, but they indicated that if Congressional and other pressure asserted could be effective if sufficient American aid were provided. Official sources privately indicated that they had given Dr Kan no encouragement.

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On the dock strike at Liverpool, which is holding up over 80 ships, dockers gave preference to food ships, handling a variety of cargoes to avoid a repetition of what occurred last week, when one ship had to sail back to the United States with her holds full.

On the Empress of France, which arrived from Canada a few days ago, men swarmed on board to discharge several thousand tons of grain. The ship is due to sail for Canada on Tuesday.—Reuter.

## S'hai Reds May Charter Foreign Steamers

Shanghai, June 13.—The Shanghai Military Commission is considering a scheme to charter foreign steamers for shipment of vital commodities to this city from other areas under the People's Government, according to press reports today.

The goods to be shipped here from other liberated areas will comprise about 200,000 tons of coal, three to five million catties of edible oil, and from 60 to 100 million catties of cereals each month.

The Bureau further hopes to determine whether the mouth of the Yangtze River has been cleared.

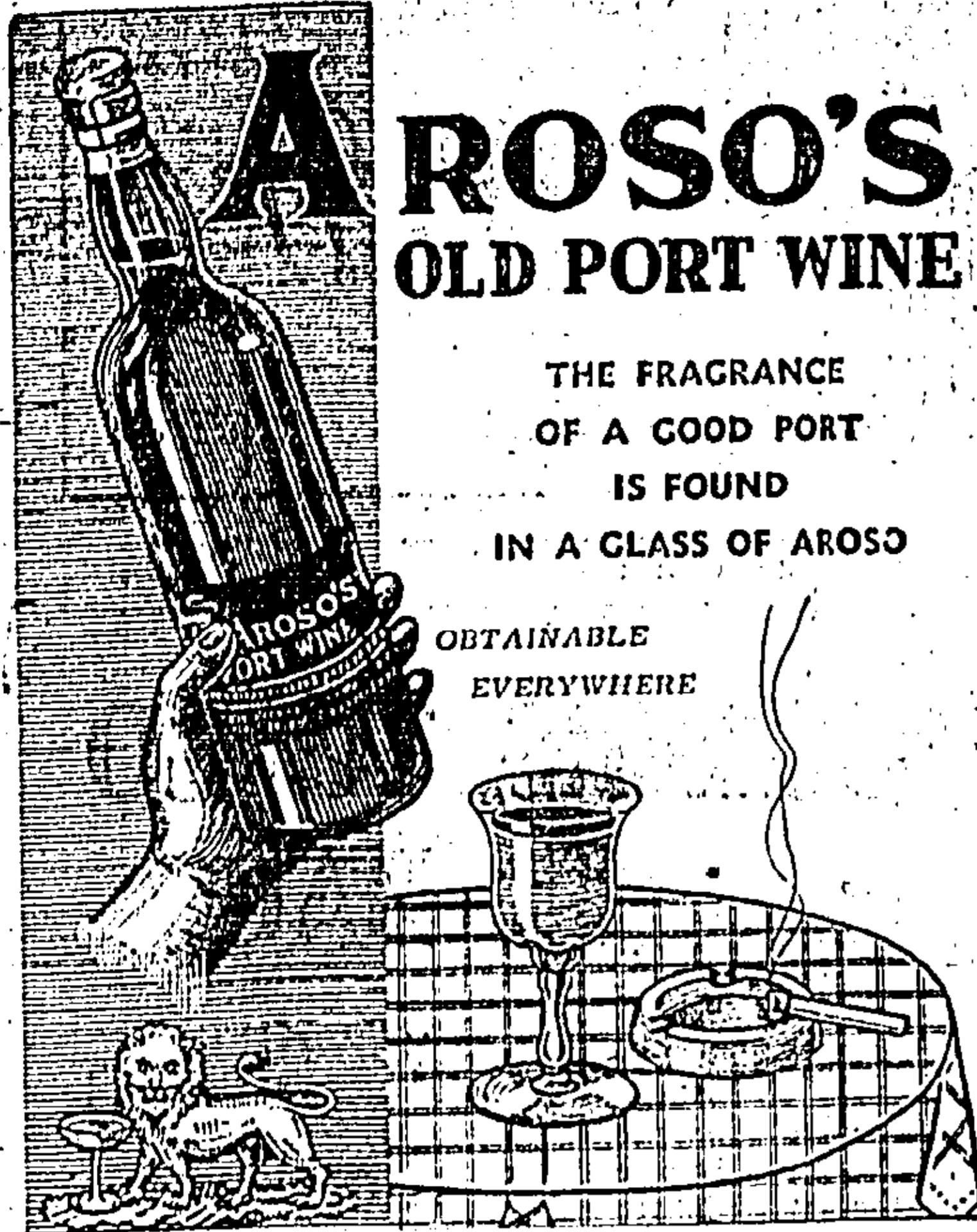
Although an inspection team is reported to have sailed down the Yangtze to investigate whether the mining is real or imaginary, a marine authority said an inspection from any distance would not reveal anything because of the muddy waters of the Yangtze.

He declared that mineweeping still remained the only way to determine whether there were any mines.

The Military Control Commission has been meeting constantly during the past four days to consider the situation but was handicapped by the lack of proper equipment.

The Chinese, India, Southeast Asia and Japan. It was this tendency which was said to have convinced administration officials that they would have to provide

available bottoms for the chartered steamers. Meanwhile, the Chinese Communists closed the river to day without any definite



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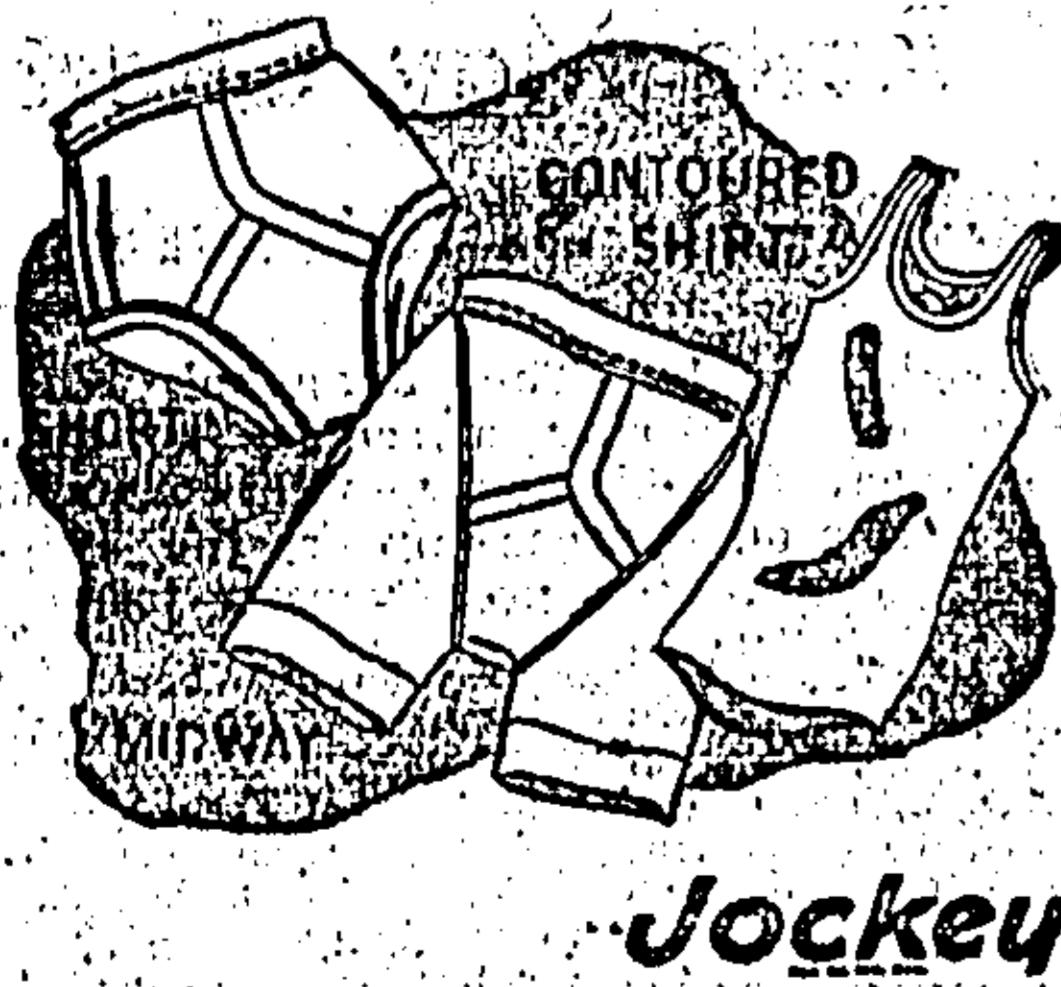
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## WOMAN'SENSE

### Woman with RAF brooch has a secret

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.

WHEN a grey-haired woman of 71, shopping basket in hand, joins a queue or walks round the shops there few people spare her a second thought—even to wonder about the RAF brooch on her coat.

More heads would turn and more stares follow her down the street if people knew that a few years ago Miss Jane Walker, the wearer of the brooch, was a "wanted woman"—with her photograph and description on posters all over Warsaw.

There for five years she was "wanted" by the Nazis—but always she was able to outwit them.

When the Germans marched into Warsaw she was a school teacher. They accused her of "helping foreign Powers," but let her go after six hours of questioning.



Jane Walker, "spy," leaflets in her stockings.

### Toys For The Child

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

MANY young children, in crowded apartment areas have no place to play. Unless they live right by an open space or park, these children should, of course, be taken as often as possible to safe outdoor play places. Most of them don't have adequate playthings for wholesome outdoor fun.

About the most widely useful plaything for out-of-doors is an express wagon. If your tot is three or four, it might be economical to buy him an express wagon which he also can use at six or later. On the level he can pull his wagon, older children can haul him in it and he can help them haul things about. Around many a home are small pieces of wood, small stones or bricks; or such may be bought at a builders' supply place, at little cost.

#### The Swing

If there is the right kind of tree near, you can improvise a rope swing or two. A handy father could build at small cost a support for several swings, made with two tall sturdy posts planted deep and a piece of metal pipe. Other children can also use this for a climbing bar, and against the post, a tree or the garage can be fastened a basket for basket ball throwing. There are on the market small baskets for children as young as four or five. For younger children from three to eight a metal pipe between two

and a sand box, which can easily be homemade, is good. Several years ago when our first grandchildren were beginning to toddle we had a large sandbox made. For four summers, from two to five of the grandchildren, now numbering ten, were with us for several months at a stretch. This box is ten feet square and has a foot-wide ledge around the top of it. We consider it the best plaything we ever have purchased for outdoors. We put into it several hundred pounds of clean white sand, which is stored when the outdoor play season ends. The box can be painted every year to keep a new appearance. Some parents prefer just to have a truckload of sand dumped near the house. Even they may choose to build something around the edge of this pile. It's also wonderful to have a workbench outdoors, with ample tools.

Several families living near one another can co-operate in equipping a yard or open space close by with purchased or homemade materials, especially if they also co-operate in supervising the playground.

#### Household Hints

To clean decanter, put in it two tablespoons of vinegar and one tablespoon of salt. Shake it up well and rinse in cold water.

A little ammonia in the dish water when washing very dirty dishes, takes a lot of unpleasantness out of the job.

### MEDICINE HAS A NEW WORD

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

In the last few years a great new word has appeared in the medical world. It is called histamine.

Contracting the Polish patrols who helped British, Canadian and American Servicemen escaping into Warsaw from prison camps and smuggling them away to freedom.

At night she went out to paint V-signs and crosses on walls and pavements, and even gallotines marked "Only for Germans."

Using a forbidden radio, she picked up BBC news bulletins, translated them into Polish, and passed them on to Polish friends.

She even carried bundles of leaflets in her stockings.

In all she visited about 200 prisoners along the escape route, and finally got away herself disguised in RAF uniform.

Then one day she disappeared, dyed her hair, assumed the name of Marie Schultz. Contacting the Polish patrols who helped British, Canadian and American Servicemen escaping into Warsaw from prison camps and smuggling them away to freedom.

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—(London Express Service)

### QUICK BEAUTY HAIR TRICKS

YOU can make fly occasion a gain event just by dressing up for it—and that doesn't always mean a new dress and shoes. Whether you wear your hair short or long, little touches can add the kind of sparkle that reflects in your eyes when you know you look especially glamorous.

These little touches can be anything, just so long as they are gay and feminine. When it comes to femininity, ribbons are really in their own element.

#### Satin Bows

Victor Vito, New York hair stylist, does a glamour coiffure in the new empire style, brushing the short hair to give an upswep effect. Tiny satin bows are attached to a bicycle clip, which is worn at the back of the neck with the ends behind the ears.

The small, feminine bows cluster at the nape of the neck and behind the ears.

Ling bows may be plaited into braids along with colourful satin ribbon. Plait your braids coronet fashion for a dramatic effect.

Haircombs that are loose and frame the face look twice as intriguing with a big Gibson bow placed high on the back of the head, near the crown.

The mature woman can glamorize her silver hair for hatless evenings simply by placing pastel velvet ribbon comb bows wherever they look most effective.

Other reactions may include mental confusion, weakness, or fainting. There may also be sickness at the stomach or vomiting.

There can be no doubt that these preparations do not seem to do a great deal of good in cases of migraine, although some doctors believe that migraine is due to allergy.

#### Allergy Symptoms

None of these substances acts very rapidly, according to Dr. David E. March of West Virginia University. Furthermore, they will not prevent the symptoms of the drug; they can be used merely to overcome or reduce these symptoms once they have appeared.

Relief of symptoms has been noted in such conditions as hives and hay fever, both the kind that occurs in autumn and those which occur the year round. In many cases of itching, these preparations have been found useful. Also, in some instances, the patient with asthma or eczema has been helped. On the other hand, these preparations do not seem to do a great deal of good in cases of migraine, although these patients may be helped.

A foundation garment is an inspiration to carry oneself beautifully, and fine posture is the making of a woman. It should be smooth, correctly cut. Believe it or not, but there are women who have their panties made to order so there will be no wrinkles at the waistline.

Stand tall, feet close together, arms down at the sides. Lift the head high above the shoulders, at the same time come up on your toes. Stretch your arms and the entire body while you take a deep inhalation. Down with your hands down on your heels, exhale. Spend ten minutes at that stunt night and morning and you'll see improvement in your figure in many ways.

### Your Figure Should Look Neat



Clothes fit better and your figure will look neat and trim if you wear the proper foundation garment. Be sure it fits just right, feels comfortable.

By HELEN FOLLETT

Slouching is an attitude of discouragement, lack of spirit. Prod and you'll feel inert, listless, without ambition. How you look and act have a lot to do with the way you feel. Self-respect should make a girl pull up her backbone and step prettily.

Stand with your back to the wall, shoulders, heels and buttocks touching it. Then walk away from the wall. Is that the way you usually locomote? Ask yourself that question and if the answer is no, it is time that you were doing something about it.

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### Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

### MEATLESS DINNER

"BUT how about a meatless dinner for a change?" "That's all right Madame. We have plenty of eggs. And we can start with a good substantial soup, perhaps a potage of split peas, a cream of lettuce soup, or hot vichyssoise."

"I'd like to try something different that I've had in mind for some time, a succotash and tomato chowder."

"For that you will have to give me the recipe, Madame."

"Here it is:

#### Succotash and Tomato Chowder

"Melt 2 tbsp. butter, margarine or meat fat in a 2 qt. kettle. Add 2 minced peeled onions, 1 small diced corn, green pepper, 1 c. corn kernels, tinned or defrosted, and 2 c. fresh or defrosted green lima beans. Cook gently together for 3 min. Add 1 1/2 c. diced potatoes, 1 pt. boiling water and 1 tsp. salt. Cover and boil 15 min. or until the vegetables are crisp-tender. Stir in 1/4 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1 pt. stewed, fresh or tinned tomatoes. Simmer 5 min. longer. Serve in bowls with a garnish of minced parsley or a little soured cream."

"I think the chowder will make a very interesting and appetizing first course, Madame."

"Now for the main dish. You know Chef, how in European countries they often serve savoury custards, cheese custards, macaroni custards or vegetable custards. Let's have a string bean custard, a big one baked in the oven. Mexican dish."

"Excellent, Madame. We will serve it with buttered noodles, quahog."

"Oul. And let's brulee some carrots in one of the casseroles in the same oven."

#### Oven Meal

"And to complete the meal all in the oven, I would like to make an American betty with tinned pineapple bits, which I will serve with a sauce made from the pineapple juice."

"And I'll make some hot yeast rolls with that now mix we have to test."

"Now, Madame, about the string bean custard, I think the American potato would like something more substantial than just the plain custard with the vegetables. This prevents the vegetables from getting on top. Use a little cooked ham or bacon, perhaps ham in the betty, well browned, about 25 min. Serve with a sauce made from the pineapple juice."

#### Trick Of The Chef

"When you eat eggs, whites and want to save the yolks to use next day, put them in a jar and barely cover with cold water. Cover and keep in the refrigerator. This prevents the yolks from drying on top. Use adding a little cooked ham or bacon, perhaps ham in the betty, well browned, about 25 min. Serve with a sauce made from the pineapple juice."

# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**BON VOYAGE**—When Eugene Ormandy, right, conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, sailed for Europe, a lot of celebrities were on hand to see him off. Opera singer Helen Traubel, left, was there with Margaret Truman, Oryville Bullitt and James Petrillo.



**SEEKS SPIRITUAL CURE**—Little Thomas Burke, of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, has suffered from birth with a paralytic ailment. He is shown in New York before flying to Portugal to seek a cure at the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, near Lisbon. Doctors have said his ailment is incurable.



**SITTING, BUT NOT PRETTILY**—These two feline models in New York look a little annoyed at their pose. Siamese kittens generally prefer to sit on something other than fashionable shoes.



**ALWAYS GOOD NEWS**—Housewives crowd round the front of a shop in Berlin. The sign announces: "Because of the blockade lifting, prices of goods from Western zones are reduced 10%."



**IN SHAPE**—Dorothy Abbott, in Hollywood, keeps fit with boxing gloves. The two-piece plaid swim-suit is of cotton.



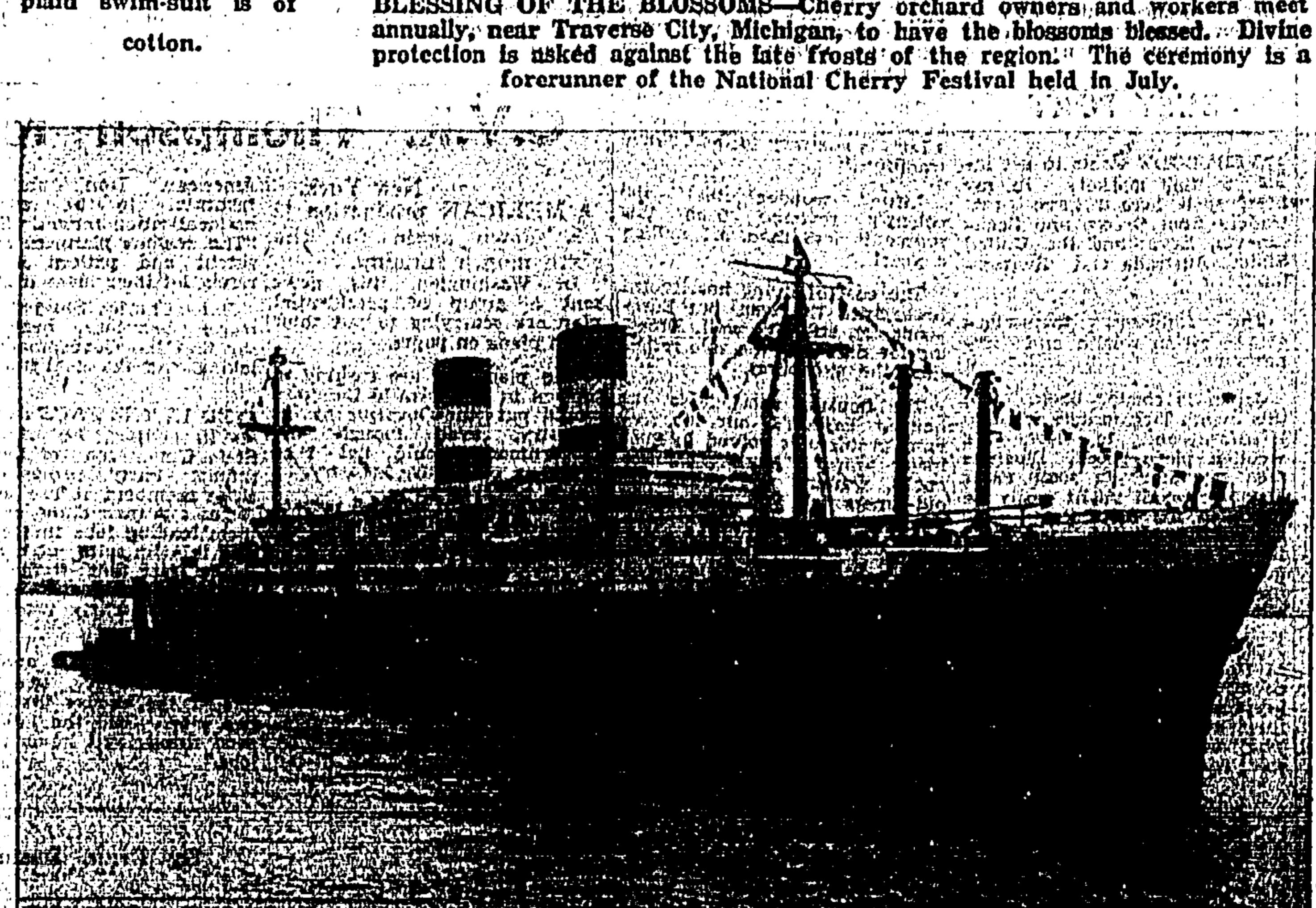
**BLESSING OF THE BLOSSOMS**—Cherry orchard owners and workers meet annually, near Traverse City, Michigan, to have the blossoms blessed. Divine protection is asked against the late frosts of the region. The ceremony is a forerunner of the National Cherry Festival held in July.



**HE'S THEIR MODEL**—Holdings Mr. Angelo Blimoco, 40-year-old midget clown at Coney Island, New York, are four pretty models. They celebrated Blimoco's 21st season at the amusement centre by naming him their "model" man.



**BACK IN THE RING**—Middleweight fighter Rocky Graziano is introduced to a crowd at New York's Madison Square Garden. This was Rocky's first time back in a New York ring since his suspension from boxing in that state was recently lifted.



**RECONVERTED TRANSPORT**—After being refitted for passenger service at Pascagoula, Mississippi, the 18,000-ton SS LaGuardia moves up the Hudson River, aided by tugs, to a pier in New York. Thousands of U.S. troops travelled on the vessel during the war when she was an Army transport.

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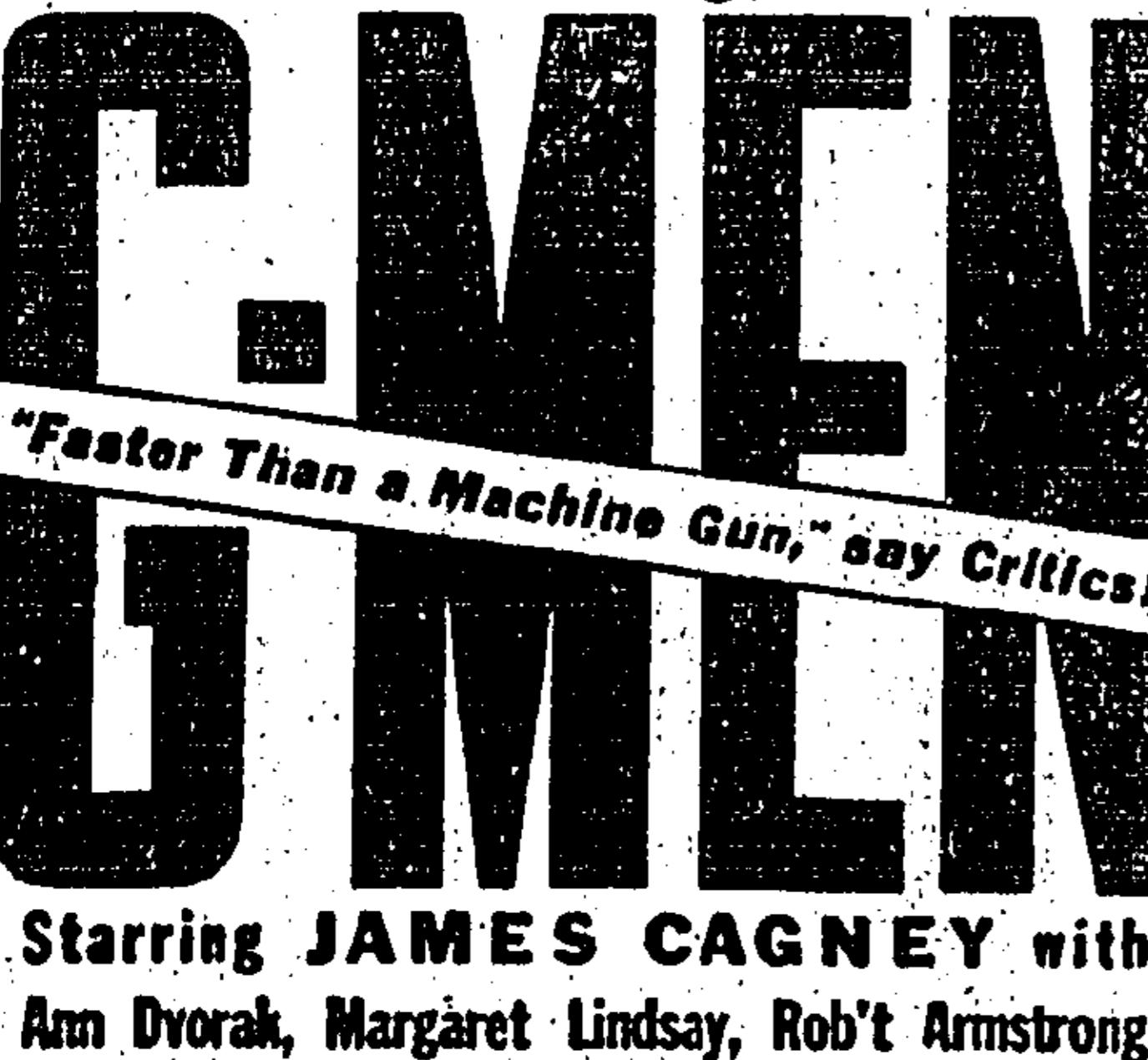
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# Colonialism In Asia "Coming To An End"

## U.N. AS ALLY IN MARCH TO FREEDOM

Lake Success, June 12.—The United Nations Secretary General, Mr Trygve Lie, said today that the "hysteria" over the East-West conflict would diminish if the world would recognise the "greater, long-range significance" of colonialism and human rights.

Mr Lie said: "The moment we examine [these developments] we shall find that we can deal with our East-West troubles with less hysteria and with more sanity, for these troubles will then be seen in their proper proportions."

## Strike Call Goes Out To 6,000,000

Rome, June 12.—Italy's giant Confederation of Labour has decided to call on all its 6,000,000 members throughout the country to stop work for one hour at a time yet to be fixed.

This stoppage would be in sympathy with the 1,500,000 striking farm-workers.

The Confederation had already called for a 24-hour general strike in all Italian country areas next Wednesday to back the farm-workers' strike, which it described as "the most heroic and vast struggle in the history of Italian labour."

Today's move for a nationwide one hour strike came after the breakdown yesterday of discussions on the farm-workers' claims.

The negotiations, which were believed to be on the verge of a successful compromise over Union demands for a national wage agreement, broke down on other issues, mainly cost of living increases.—Reuter.

## Violence Stalks Strike

Rome, June 12.—Two more deaths have resulted from the 26-day-old strike of Italian farm workers.

One occurred today near Bologna and the other on Saturday near Milan, dispatches from those points reported.

This brought the death total to four. Hundreds have been wounded and hundreds arrested. The strikers are demanding a national wage contract providing better pay and more family benefits. They want their pay raised to a figure near that prevailing in industry. The farm workers are one of the worst paid categories in Italy.

The strike is backed by both Communist and non-Communist National unions.

Dispatches from Bologna said Leftist labour leaders there declared they would call a general strike in Bologna and province on Monday because of today's trouble there.—Associated Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Most of my ancestors were doctors, bankers and lawyers. Uncle Henry here was the only one who ever did anything worth mentioning! He was a cowboy!"

## Insurance Co.'s New Directors

### Annual Meeting

Mesas Paul V. McNutt, Kan Tong-po and B. Foster Hall were unanimously elected to the board of directors of the American International Assurance Company Ltd at the 14th annual general meeting held at Queen's Road Central this morning.

Mr C. V. Starr (Chairman) presided and in his report disclosed that the amount of life insurance in force at December 31, 1948, was nearly ten times that in force at the end of the year before.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:

At the company's 13th annual general meeting, your chairman, Mr Litchfield, informed you that your directors proposed to resume active development of the company's Life Insurance Division, especially in Hongkong, Malaya and Thailand.

Following this plan, the company in 1948 established life branches in both Hongkong and Singapore. The Hongkong Branch now supervises all life insurance sales in this Colony and in South China, while the Singapore Branch has extended its activities throughout the whole of Malaya. As a result, the company's life premium income during 1948 increased by 812 per cent over that for 1947. The amount of life insurance in force at December 31, 1948 was nearly ten times that in force at the previous year-end.

During the year, plans were completed for the establishment of a life sales programme in Thailand, but were not activated until early 1949. For this purpose, the company was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr H. H. Fries, Life General Agent for Thailand. Mr Fries has long been associated with the American International Group, and, prior to the war, was manager for the United States Life Insurance Co. in Malaya.

A substantial amount of personal accident insurance was written in connection with the life business and is included in the Life Revenue account. An aggressive life insurance programme such as that upon which our company has embarked, first year acquisition costs tend to deplete surplus funds. This is a condition common to all companies during the early phase of life insurance development. However, with life renewal premiums beginning to build up during 1949, your actuaries and directors expect that the increased low cost income from such renewals will offset first year costs in 1950 and ensuing years.

### DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Plans for development of the company's Fire, Marine and Accidents businesses, to which I will refer later, were formulated during the year, but for the time being, it was considered expedient to fully reinsurance such risks as were offered and to concentrate on the development of the life portfolio.

Miss Nichols, conductress of the Munroo Choir, said that it cost them \$25,000 to make the trip, collected by public and private subscriptions.

They flew the Atlantic and hope to go on a two weeks' tour of Europe after the Festival.

Reserves for Marine and Accidents claims intimated but not paid have been returned to the respective Revenue Accounts. These were originally set up to meet possible liabilities for unreported claims which might have occurred during the war years. All such claims are now believed to have been reported and paid.

The General Reserve is unchanged at £60,000. All fluctuations in investment values and exchange have been adjusted through the fluctuation reserve, which now has to its credit £0,329,524.

The next statutory valuation of the Life Assurance Fund is due on December 31, 1950. Meanwhile, life reserves are maintained at safe approximate figures.

This year will see more active development of the company's Fire, Marine and Accidents businesses, both direct with the public and through the company's subsidiaries and affiliates in the American International Group.

Life Insurance, however, will continue to be the company's first interest. In addition to opening up in Thailand, your management, early in 1949, established life agencies in Sarawak and British North Borneo. When conditions in Java permit, it is intended to develop life insurance in that territory also.

At a meeting of the board of directors on December 13, 1948,

## BLIND HONOUR STUDENT



Bonifacio Yturblide (above), 21-year-old blind honour student of the University of Nevada, was presented with the coveted Herz gold medal for his straight "A" averages in four years of College. He is shown here reading notes in Braille. His average was the "first perfect" in the memory of veteran faculty members.—AP Picture.

## World Spending On Espionage

### MAGAZINE'S REVIEW

Lake Success, June 12.—The "United Nations World," an independent publication, in an appraisal of world espionage, said today Russia was spending \$110,000,000 a year on intelligence and counter-intelligence activities and employing 12,800 operatives.

It contrasted this with the United States expenditures of \$80,000,000 and the United Kingdom's \$56,000,000.

The publication said: "At least six major Soviet organisations are engaged in secret intelligence work... Section XII of the Ministry of Internal Affairs is Russia's highest ranking intelligence and counter-intelligence agency.

"The top ranking political intelligence department is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and consists of two branches. Most of the collection is done by Tass, whose function abroad consists for more of collecting and relaying reports than of pursuing conventional duties in international journalism.

"The current chief of the Soviet diplomatic intelligence is Yakov Lomakin, former Soviet Consul General in New York. The highest ranking Soviet intelligence officer has been identified as Lieutenant General P. M. Flin. He supervises all intelligence outlets abroad.

"The major foreign bases of espionage are Paris, Havana, Caracas, Mexico City, Buenos Aires, New York, Damascus, Cairo and Shanghai.

"The favourite camouflage of first-rank spies is the diplomatic cover. Most of the agents are assigned to Embassies and Legations. Conflicting evaluations submitted by over-zealous or opportunistic operatives represent the chief deficiencies of the Soviet intelligence organisation."—United Press.

### CONVERTING CURRENCIES

San Francisco, June 12.—A large number of Shanghai residents are daily depositing their foreign currencies in local banks or converting these holdings into Communist dollars since the promulgation of the provisional regulations governing foreign exchange, the Communist-controlled Peiping Radio reported tonight.

Banks appointed to handle foreign exchange in Shanghai include the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Radio said.

It also reported that the import of coltan into Shanghai is to be temporarily exempted from duties in order to promote production and foreign trade.

At this point, I should like to express my own appreciation and that of the other members of the board to the company's home office staff for their loyal and efficient service. In these premises, Mr. Lowe, Wang, manager of the Life Division, Mr. Y. S. Chen, actuary, and Mr. Y. C. Koo, chief accountant, deserve particular mention.

Messrs. Lowe, Brigham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

Present at the meeting were:

Messrs. G. V. Starr (Chairman), G. M. Hughes, K. E. B. Foster, Hall, C. H. Duff, C. R. Sodick and A. Guarda (Active Secretary).

## Soong's Visit To Paris

### Soviet Newspaper Speculation

Shanghai, June 13.—The recent trip of Dr T. V. Soong, former Chinese finance minister, from Hongkong to Paris, was not for the purpose of purchasing arms for the Nationalist Government or for the undertaking of any political negotiations, according to a report in the local Soviet newspaper Novy Life.

His mission, the story said, was to find suitable residences in Europe for members of China's four leading families—the Soongs, Kungs, Changs and Chens—and "their running dogs."

Soong is alleged to have bought or leased about 100 villas in Southern France for himself and his brother-in-law, H. H. Kung, who is at present in the United States, and other "Second rate actors" such as Shanghai's ex-Mayor, K. C. Wu.

He is also reported to have bought or leased 25 castles or villas in Barcelona, Spain.

The report alleged that Soong's present visit to the United States was to consult his sister, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, and Dr. Kung, on how to invest their fortunes. It mentioned Archbishop Paul Yu-ping, the leading Chinese Roman Catholic cleric, and the Chinese Ambassador Dr. Wellington Koo, as the main agents of the four families.

Some of the money might be invested in South Africa's diamond industry, the story added.

So far, nine members of China's "Big Four" families have embraced the Roman Catholic religion through the efforts of Archbishop Paul Yu-ping, the story said.—Reuters.

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*minging from Monday, June 6, and until further notice, the outward and mail services will be closed on Mondays and Thursdays. C.P.O. Kowloon 1:30 p.m., and G.P.O. Hongkong 8 p.m. (Replies will be held at half past eight hours.)*

*Commencing from Monday, June 6, and until further notice, the outward and mail services will be closed as follows:*

*Mondays & Thursdays 8 p.m. (G.P.O. Hongkong (Regd) 4:30 p.m. (Ord); C.P.O. Kowloon 1:30 p.m. (Ord); G.P.O. Hongkong (Regd) 5 p.m. (Saturday) (Ord); 10 a.m. (Sunday). C.P.O. Kowloon 4:30 p.m. (Sunday); 10 a.m. (Monday). G.P.O. Hongkong (Regd) 5 p.m. (Saturday) (Ord); 10 a.m. (Sunday). (Half days excepted.)*

*It is hereby notified that mail to Shanghai and North China cannot be accepted until further notice.*

*Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the outward and mail services, close before 15 hours, registered and parcel posts close at 8 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are sent by air mail, and ordinary post office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing time.*

*MONDAY, JUNE 13  
Closing Times By Air:  
Taipei, Holow, Swallow, Amoy, Liuchow, Ningbo, Chungking and Canton 2:30 p.m.*

*Corregidor, Hangchow, Calcutta, Karachi, Bassein, Nairobi, Mombasa, Dar-es-Salam, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Cairo via Karsarai, Madras, Rangoon, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur (GPO) 4:30 p.m. (Hongkong GPO) 5 p.m. (Regd); Singapore 3 p.m.*

*Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada.) 3 p.m. (Regd); Hongkong 3 p.m.; Hangchow, 3 p.m.; Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver B.C., 3 p.m.*

*Reject Charges*

*Sofia, June 12.—Bulgaria today rejected Yugoslav charges that the Bulgarian authorities had assisted Yugoslav emigrants who already came here to spy for anti-Tito forces.*

*In a note, the Foreign Ministry said: "We firmly deny that the Bulgarian authorities had assisted Yugoslav emigrants who already came here to spy for anti-Tito forces."*

*Reykjavik, to three recent Yugoslav notes, the Foreign Ministry said: "We firmly deny that the emigrants who came here were genuine Socialists—democrats and faithful Yugoslav sons—United Press."*

BRUCE WOODCOCK IS

# The Same Champion— But A New Man

By RONALD BOXALL

The bell rang out for the fourteenth round. Freddie Mills, the cruiserweight champion of the world, came out of his corner to make one last desperate attempt to connect with his lethal left hook and wrest the British, Empire and European heavyweight championships from Bruce Woodcock. Nearly fifty thousand people in London's White City Stadium held their breath.

Mills was so far behind on points that only a knock-out could swing the verdict his way—and he knew it. With all the courage that the British boxing public have come to know so well he tried to fight his way through Woodcock's unflinching defence. But he might as well have tried to cut his way through the Iron Curtain with a can-opener.

Boxing better than he has ever done before, Woodcock kept him at arm's length with well-timed and delivered straight lefts. Mills went back—and Woodcock saw his chance. He measured his opponent with a left to the head, followed a split second later by a crashing right. Mills wilted, and as he sank to the canvas another vicious right landed on his head.

Referee Sam Russell began to count. One-two-three... Mills was on one knee, his head bent low. Four-five-six... the crowd waited—would he get up and come back for more as they had so often seen him do? Seven-eight-nine... Not a move from Mills. The crowd were already on their feet; and how they roared when the word OUT echoed round the stadium from a score of loudspeakers!

## GOING BACK

To appreciate the full significance of what happened during those few seconds of the fourteenth round it is necessary to go back nearly three years—to the night when Bruce Woodcock climbed through the ropes at Harringay Arena to face Big Joe Baks. Already British, Empire and European heavyweight champion, Woodcock was on top of the world, and the British boxing public expected great things of him.

It is now well known that in the second round of that fight, Woodcock stopped a Baks Sunday punch with his chin. Although he fought on bravely until the referee stepped in to prevent a massacre, this was the beginning of Woodcock's sharp decline.

Woodcock went to hospital with a broken jaw. For months he was out of action and the fight fell went around with long faces. Then the wiseacres got busy. Woodcock hadn't had it, they said. He would never get over the effect of that shattered jaw. There were more things wrong with Woodcock (according to them) than any other man who had ever laced on a pair of boxing gloves.

Then came Woodcock's first trial after his spell of inactivity. His opponent was another American, Len Oma. There at Harringay, the British champion made hard work of beating a man who wasn't even worthy to be in the same ring with him. In the fourth round Oma went down from a blow that was more a slap than a punch—and he stayed down. Those four rounds did Woodcock's reputation no good.

A few months later he was matched with Lee Savold, yet another American. Again Woodcock backed away from his opponent, more intent on guarding his mending jaw than landing a blow on the other man. He won on a foul—and left the ring amid boos and catcalls.

Bruce Woodcock was at rock bottom. No heavyweight champion had ever been lower in the public esteem.

But things began to look more cheerful when he went to South Africa and battered their heavyweight champion, Johnny Ralph, to defeat, inside three rounds. There was no sign of nerves from Bruce in this scrap, and once again the fight fans began to take heart. Meanwhile, lion-hearted Freddie Mills had won the world cruiserweight championship from America's Gus Lesnevitch. Always an extremely popular fighter, he suddenly became God-like. In the eyes of those who follow the Gentle Art,

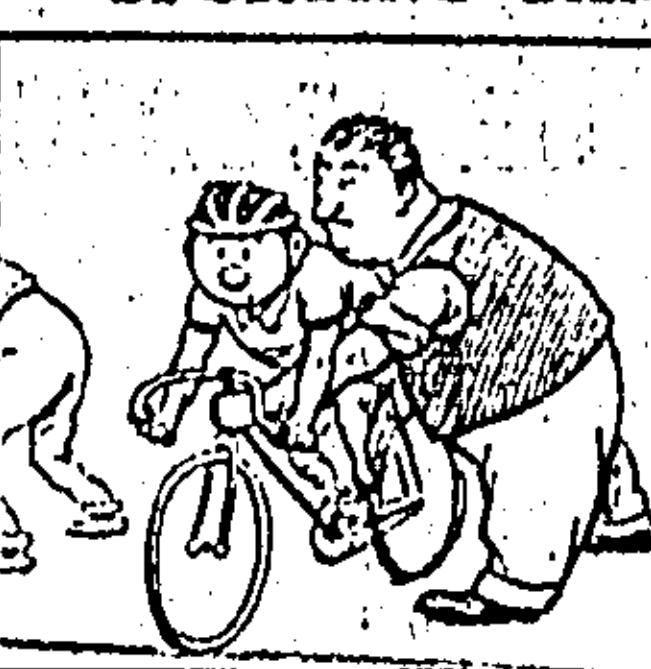
## INEVITABLE CLIMAX

Then came the inevitable climax to this confused situation—Woodcock was matched to defend his three titles against Mills.

Woodcock took himself off to Galway Bay to prepare for this decisive contest. If he lost—against a man twenty pounds lighter than himself—there was nothing left for him but oblivion—and he knew it.

Mills withdrew from his training camp in the fair county of Surrey, and immediately set about winning the hearts of the local population. He had everything to gain and little to lose. If he won, he would have

SPORTING SAM . . . . . By Reg. Wootton



London Express Service

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Brooklyn Dodgers Hold On To National League Lead

New York, June 13.—Third baseman Billy Cox and first baseman Gil Hodges clouted two homers each and drove in 14 runs between them as the League-leading Brooklyn Dodgers walloped the Cincinnati Reds 20-7 in a National League game yesterday. Hodges drove in eight runs and Cox six.

The Dodgers were aided by 11 walks in stretching their winning streak to seven games. They walloped five of the Red hurlers for 10 runs in the fifth inning to break a 5-5 tie.

Third baseman Grady Hatton hit a grand slam homer for Cincinnati.

Left fielder Ralph Kiner blasted a homer in the seventh inning to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-5 victory over the New York Giants.

The Chicago Cubs closed out Charlie Grimm's long National League managerial career by splitting a doubleheader with

two more games will be played and the team who obtain the most shots will win the competition.

The following were the results with CCC ranks first:

Thompson, W., Hong Sing and F. Gordon, 1st; J. Tindall, 2nd; G. T. Trail, and J. Fraser, 3rd; C. Stapleton, T. Baker, J. Tibble, and J. S. Landolt, low to Hughes, W., W. Thompson, 1st; W. 22; Barcroft, A. Gray, E. P. Guest and J. M. Forrest, beat Styles, H., F. Shields, J. G. Meyer and A. H. Baker, 2nd; W. Butterworth, and F. E. Skinner lost to E. F. Baker, McInnes, A. Warren and J. McEvilley, 17-18; A. Graham, F. Howarth, R. W. Thompson, 1st; J. H. Hutton, J. G. Robertson, L. Lammer and L. Sykes, 24-14.

## OPEN TRIPLES

A. P. Perlina, C. Rosa Perlina and C. P. Perlina beat R. R. Phillips, R. Rosselot, C. H. Roselot, R. S. Capell and T. Lock beat R. P. Phillips, C. E. Crouch, E. Colver and E. A. Atkins, 20-12; G. Thompson, 1st; F. Wong and E. C. Fincar, 1st; A. Hutton, J. G. Robertson, L. Lammer and L. Sykes, 24-14.

## LEAGUE BOWLS STANDINGS

## FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
CCC	5	5	0	378	240	24
IRC	5	3	2	298	237	15
Hecr	5	2	3	321	291	13
KBCG	5	2	3	298	292	12
KCC	4	2	2	233	227	10
KDRC	5	2	3	249	354	8
PRC	5	1	4	275	302	7
Hecr 'B'	4	1	3	104	253	5

## SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Heccr	5	4	1	310	244	21
CCC	4	3	1	239	216	15
FC	5	3	2	230	224	13
KCC	5	3	2	283	280	13
TDRC	5	3	2	308	273	12
KBGC	5	1	4	276	302	9
IRC	4	2	2	224	224	8
HKFC	4	1	3	209	238	7
KHCC	4	0	4	193	281	1

## THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
IKERC	5	4	1	305	249	18
POC	4	3	1	238	185	12
KDRC	4	2	2	234	221	11
KCC	4	3	1	255	258	0
Heccr	4	12	2	222	248	7
KBGC	3	1	2	158	189	5
PRC	4	1	3	100	200	5

## FOOTBALL

## Spain Beats Eire

Dublin, June 12.—Spain beat Eire by four goals to one in a football International at Dalymount Park, Dublin, today after leading by three goals to one at half-time.

After the Irish goal had some narrow escapes in the first half, Eire against the run of the play, scored first from a penalty kicked by Con Martin.

Within five minutes, however, Spain scored three goals through Zarra (two) and Basora (one).

Just on half-time, Artigas, the Spanish inside-left, was carried off the field after being injured and a substitute, Igosa, took his place.

Right to the end Spain were

in command of the game and just before full time Igosa

scored their fourth goal. The attendance was 30,171.—Reuter.

## HUNGARY AND ITALY TIE

Budapest, June 12.—Hungary and Italy tied at soccer here today, each side scoring once.—Reuter.

## HOLLAND BEATS DENMARK

Copenhagen, June 12.—Holland beat Denmark by two goals to one in a football International here this afternoon.—Reuter.

## AUSTRIANS LOSE IN RIO

Rio de Janeiro, June 12.—The Rio football team

Fluminense today beat Austria's Rapide team by three goals to two.—Reuter.

## Good Luck Wins French Derby

Paris, June 12.—M. Claude Victor Thomas' Good Luck, by Goya, out of Ma Chalisse, won the £3,000 Prix du Jockey Club, the French Derby, from M. Marcel Boussac's Ambroix and Baron Edouard de Rothchild's Violoncelle, at Chantilly today.

Paul Blain took Good Luck

into the lead as they turned into

the straight on the one and a

half-mile journey, and com-

fortably resisted a late challenge.

Ambroix, ridden by his

length, with Violoncelle's

further two lengths away third

in a field of seven runners.

Good Luck paid 187 francs for

a 10-franc win stake, on the

parimutuel. Place dividends to

the same stake were 41 and 10

francs.

The winner was trained by M.

Henri Delavaud.—Reuter.

## Mister Wins Conquest

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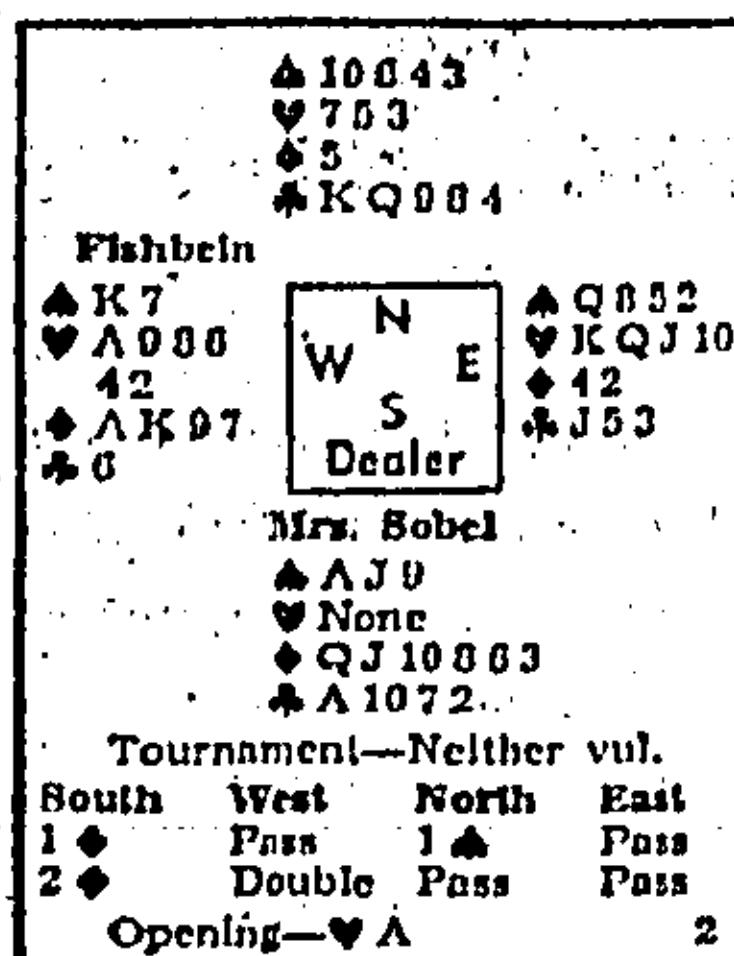
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## MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Carelessness Costs Team 1,000 Points



Tournament—Neither vul.

South West North East

1♦ Pass 1♦ Pass

2♦ Double Pass

Opening—A 2

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

**T**HIS year put on quite a show for the spectators. They were the high qualifying team, winning 11 out of 12 matches. They won the first knockout match by 3,000 points. In their second match they were behind 1,500 points at the halfway mark, and in the third match they were 1,700 points behind at the halfway mark.

Again, in the semi-finals, they had dropped behind 1,100 points at the halfway mark. In the finals they were in the lead at the halfway mark, only to drop behind 900 points in the third quarter. Nevertheless, they won the championship, and it is the final results that count.

I asked Harry J. Fishbein of New York City, a member of the winning team, how they happened to get behind in the third quarter of the finals. He said, "Mac, tell your readers that bridge experts are just ordinary people from every walk of life, and we make the same mistakes that everybody else makes. For example, let me show you a few bad mistakes that I made on one hand."

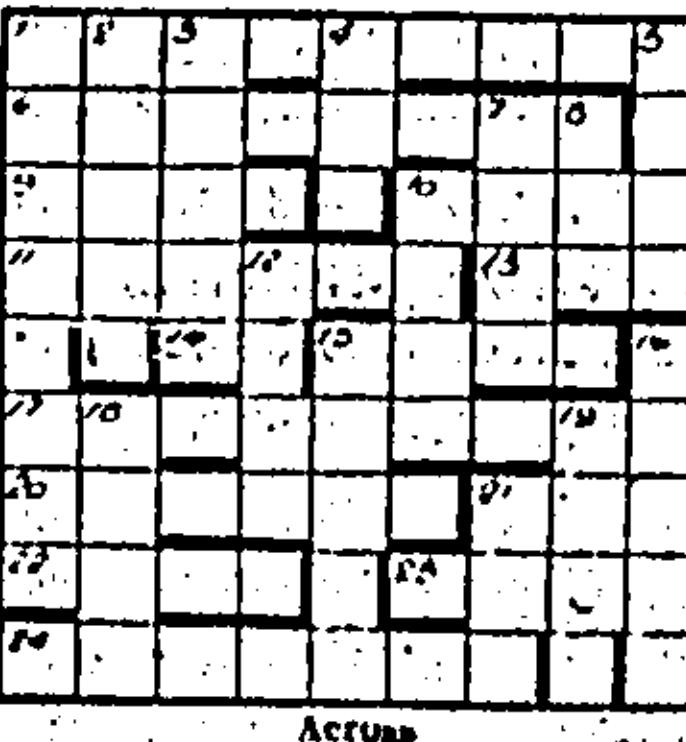
"It was the first hand going into the third quarter," said Harry. "Mrs. Sobel in the South bid a diamond. I passed. Over North's spade bid Mrs. Sobel bid two diamonds. Now I doubted. Of course my partner took this as a business double because I had failed to double diamonds at the first opportunity.

"I opened the ace of hearts. My partner put on the king, and when Mrs. Sobel put on a red card, I simply continued with another heart. But it so happened that Mrs. Sobel had trumped with a diamond, as with my six of hearts as an exposed card, she had no trouble at all in making an overtrick. Our side was cold for five hearts, so we lost close to 1,000 points on that hand."

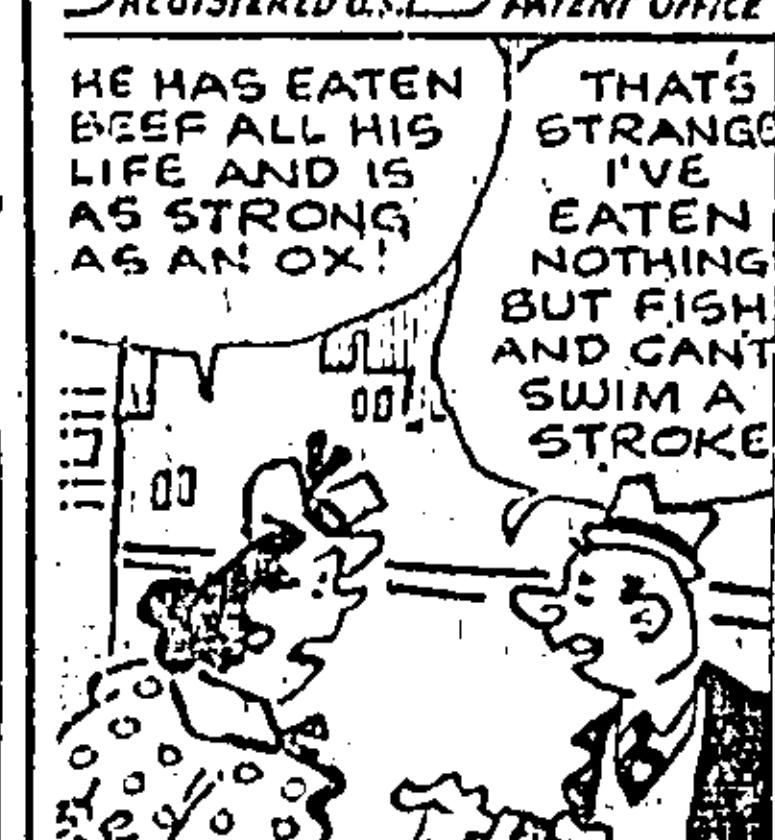
## Check Your Knowledge

- Name the composer of the "Peer Gynt" suites.
- What is a mesa?
- To what country does Bermuda belong?
- What is "mal de mer"?
- What country produces the finest rubies?
- Why should textiles be manufactured in damp regions? (Answers at foot of Column 1)

## CROSSWORD



## DUMB-BELLS



## AROUND THE WORLD

### Famous Notre Dame Cathedral

By TEMPLE MANNING

LIKE St Peter's in Rome and Westminster Abbey in London, Notre Dame in Paris is a constant magnet for people of every race and creed, as even a short visit there will prove. Whenever we have been asked to help prepare an itinerary for Paris, a visit to Notre Dame is generally the first suggestion. Seen from the Seine or the Pont de la Tournelle, whether early in the day or by the rich light of the late afternoon sun, one's first view of the majestic edifice creates a memory that will always remain. All that one has read and heard about Notre Dame merges into that moment. The history of the place, the stained glass, the gargoyles, the famous dedicatory statue which has been venerated for over five centuries, the exciting items in the Treasury, all come alive even for the most wordy visitor. Yes, Notre Dame is an experience!

How exciting it is to make one's way down the aisle upon which once came the mother and brothers of Joan of Arc to witness the ceremony of coronation for having declared her a heretic. Down the aisle, too, came Marie Antoinette to



Notre Dame Cathedral.

give thanks for the birth of an heir, and later came Napoleon to be crowned Emperor of France.

As the shadows lengthen one seems to glimpse the ill-fated Mary Stuart, or perhaps that great warrior and king, Henry of Navarre.

For almost eight centuries, the famous, the great, the proud, the contrite, the humble, the little people, have trod the aisles of this wonderful cathedral, or have knelt in prayer, with sunlight streaming softly through those matchless windows.

WHEN cheap cartridges are supplied for rook-shooting, I shudder to think what will be done to the man who inadvertently shoots a jay. There used to be a story told of a profligate who was invited to stay at a large country house. Seeing that he was bored to tears, his host said, "Perhaps you'd like a little rough shooting. Take couple of dogs and go off." The profligate returned 20 minutes later, and said: "Can I have some more dogs? I've shot those."

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## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

### Israel's "Cut The Costs" Campaign

Haifa, June 12.—The Israeli Supply Minister, Mr. David Joseph, announced today a series of price-reducing and anti-inflation measures designed to make Israeli goods more competitive.

He insisted particularly on the need for reducing labour costs.

Israel was growing only 10 percent of wheat it needed, and this wheat was costing much more than imported wheat, he said.

The Minister attacked the high cost of living in Israel, which, he said, caused money from abroad to provide only one-third of its buying capacity and which, in turn, discouraged foreign investments.—Reuter.

We are faced with unemployment which would surpass by far the worst horrors of the thirties, he said.

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## Finland's Drive To Capture US Market

New York, June 12.—The Finnish Minister of Trade and Commerce, Uno Kristian Takki, arrived today to begin three weeks of consultations with United States business leaders and government officials in an effort to promote greater American importation of Finland's products.

A walk around the ambulatory and the choir stalls is exciting, as is a walk around to the east to glimpse the apse and to gaze up at the oft-pictured flying buttresses. And what a delight it is to sit in the gentle gardens back of the Cathedral and ponder on its history and perhaps recall Victor Hugo's "Notre-Dame de Paris," until Esmeralda and Quasimodo and Captain Phoebus become alive, as though this were the fifteenth and not the twentieth century.

Then, to climax the first visit, one strolls back again across the new Tourneille bridge, with its incomparable status of Sainte Genevieve, and then face west to get the view of the huge gray pile in all its majestic splendour.

Yrs. faithfully,

"Planner."

—(London Express Service)

Mr. Takki brushed aside the question of whether Finland's economy would be sounder if Finland had participated in the Marshall plan.

He said: "My government dictated some time ago not to take part in this plan."

He said that the Soviet Union last year approximately equalled the United States as the second country in the volume of trade with Finland, with Britain holding the lead.

Finland exports to the United States had dropped from \$40,000,000 in 1947 to \$38,500,000 last year.

Mr. Takki said his visit was part of Finland's effort to increase trade throughout the world.

He said he would visit the industrial centres of New York, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago and Boston in an effort to increase Finnish exports of wood and wood products and glassware.—United Press.

The report said that to do this a better balance must be achieved in the economies of countries which now depend largely on the export of food and raw materials.—United Press.

The British Treasury is also perturbed at the bi-lateral trade agreements made by India with Bi-Zonia, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Japan, Pakistan, Hungary, Poland, Finland, and Egypt, because these are believed to have been partly responsible for the drain on India's sterling balances.—United Press.

## Cominform Blockade Of Yugoslavia

Belgrade, June 12.—Czechoslovakia has banned all exports to Yugoslavia, bringing all trade between the two countries to a standstill, an official Yugoslav communiqué said here today.

The communiqué said that the Czechs have imposed at the beginning of May, and

added that the Yugoslavs had retaliated by holding up exports to Czechoslovakia worth \$500,000,000 (approximately \$2,500,000 at the last quoted exchange rate).

According to the communiqué, Yugoslav representatives who went to Prague last week to negotiate on the deadlock were offered impossible terms by the Czechs.

The Czech action is interpreted here as a further tightening of the Cominform's economic blockade against Yugoslavia, which is now thought to be nearly complete.

Foreign business in Belgrade consider the Czech ban as having come at an unfortunate time for Yugoslavia.

World prices of non-ferrous metals having dropped, Yugoslavia is now at a disadvantage in offering her metals to the West in exchange for capital equipment, which she can no longer obtain from the East.

Such capital equipment is vital to her five-year industrialisation plan, which the Yugoslavs say the Cominform is out of wreck.—Reuter.

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at a disadvantageous rate, according to the Yugoslav pound note (per £1) 16.60.

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—(London Daily Mail)

Huge Shipping Subsidy

Washington, June 11.—The National Federation of American Shipping said today that the total federal subsidy paid to United States shipowners from 1942 to 1948 amounted to \$14,525,217,000.

It said that the net payments for operating differential aid during this period amounted to \$24,127,000.

The Federation said that construction subsidies paid by the government to equalise the cost between the United States and cheaper built foreign merchant ships amounted to \$341,015,000 in the 16-year period; or 2.3 percent of the total.

It said that such federal aid resulted in the construction of 247 vessels, many of them used in World War II.—United Press.

Malayan Copra Exports Rise

Washington, June 12.—The United States Department of Agriculture reported today that Malayan copra exports for the first quarter of 1949 totalled 10,600 long tons—more than 3½ times the amount shipped during the corresponding period of 1948. It said 92 percent of the total was shipped to Europe.

The Department reported that March exports totalled 3,877 long tons, 10 percent below the February figure.—United Press.

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# It's Going To Be A Long, Hard Cold War

## U.S. POLITICAL LEADERS EXPRESS OPINIONS

Washington, June 12.—Virtually at the climax of the conference of Foreign Ministers in Paris President Harry Truman and other administration leaders took to the country over the weekend to preach their conviction that it is going to be a long, hard cold war.

Mr Truman has had daily reports from his Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and if there is any hope at either the White House or the State Department for any kind of major agreement between the Western powers and Russia, it was not evident in those weekend talks.

Instead, the theme running through their varying texts revealed what officials in Washington have been saying privately for a long time. In their opinion there is no apparent basis for an East-West settlement on any major issues now.

In Little Rock, Arkansas, on Saturday Mr Truman declared, "We have a long way to go before we can make a free world secure against the social and political evils on which Communism thrives."

### UN'S FUTURE

At Grinnell, Iowa, the Assistant Secretary of State George Allen said that American leaders fear for the future of the United Nations yet hope that it will survive and in effect argued that its survival will not be assured until Russia becomes a Democracy.

The third angle of the attack came from another Assistant Secretary of State, Mr Willard Thorp, who declared in a speech at Amherst, Massachusetts, today that instead of relaxing its iron curtain policy, Russia is trying to reduce to a minimum the contacts between the people and the outside world.

Mr Thorp said that Russia is caught in such a tight grip of government secrecy that the flow of ideas outside the country is being stalled quite apart from the disruption of intellectual traffic with other countries.

Diplomatic authorities in Washington regard these statements and others which have recently been made along the same lines as disclosing an effort by State Department strategists firstly, to define as they see the exact issues between the Western powers and Russia and, secondly, to translate the problems raised by those issues into positive goals of American foreign policy.

### THE NEXT PHASE

The next phase of the cold war following the Foreign Ministers' conference could be a period of lessened tensions and increasing East-West trade, even though the fundamental issues of Democracy versus Communism remain unsolved.

How the fundamental issues can—ever be solved is one of the questions for which no one in the White House or the State Department offers a certain formula.

In general, the hope of American officials seems to be that the stresses of rigid dictatorship inside Russia will prove so great that some kind of upheaval will occur and bring a new Russia into being.

Meanwhile, the Russians constantly proclaim confidence that Western Capitalism will collapse and that this will be a neat help in extending the world area of Communism.

Associated Press.

### LIONS RAIDING AFRICAN FARMS

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, June 12.—Hunters were today seeking lions which have been raiding farms 25 miles from Salisbury. Two of the animals within seven miles of Salisbury yesterday, and many Africans were afraid to leave their kraals.

Lions were also reported near the farm owned by the Prime Minister, Sir Godfrey Huggins.—Reuter.

The former New York State Appeals Court Judge, Mr Samuel Seabury, veteran crusader who helped to put the late Florencio H. La Guardia in the City Hall, is active again in trying to build a new Republican fusion movement.

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The Left-wing American Labour Party is considered likely to put up its own candidate.—Reuter.

### POCKET CARTOON



London Express Service.

## Search For New Mayor

### Many Aspirants For Honour

New York, June 12.—There is no lack of aspirants this year for a post which has been called the second most difficult in the United States—that of Mayor of New York's \$8,000,000 people.

Mayor William O'Dwyer, after one term, this week flatly declared that he would not stand again.

At least 25 men prominent in the city's political and business life have been mentioned as possible successors.

Of those only one or two have indicated with any firmness that they are not interested.

Both Democratic and Republican Party leaders are scheduled to begin next week a round of parleys from which nominees will emerge.

For the Democrats the choice seems to be between a strong Party candidate or one who can command broad support from labour and other groups as Mayor O'Dwyer was able to do.

In Republican ranks some strategists are seeking to choose a man who will have wide appeal to independent voters.

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### Pope Proclaims New Saint

Rome, June 12.—Pope Pius XII, today proclaimed Sister Maria Giuseppa Rosello a saint in a canonisation ceremony at St Peter's Basilica.

The service was attended by 12 Cardinals, 40 Archbishops and Bishops, the entire Papal Court, representatives of all religious orders and the whole diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican.

The Pope set the saint's day for December 7, the date of her death in 1880.

The new saint was born in 1811 in the town of Albisola near Genoa, and was brought up in poverty. She founded the institution of "Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy" for the education of working class girls—United Press.

## Nature's Air Conditioning



## THE DANGEROUS MR EISLER

### Comment By His Sister

London, June 12.—Miss Ruth Fischer of New York, a sister of Communist Gerhard Eisler, stated here tonight that she could not understand the British treatment of her brother, whom she described as one of the most important and dangerous agents of the Soviet secret police and the Cominform.

Miss Fischer, for many years a leading German Communist and member of the Executive of the Comintern, has broken with Communism and is now one of its most active opponents. She has been attending the Labour Party Conference at Blackpool and is going to the Continent of Europe to collect information for a further volume of her book "Stalin and German Communism."

### Italian Reds To Oppose Pact

Rome, June 12.—The Communists served notice here today that they intend to make a major effort to block the ratification of the Atlantic Pact, due to be debated in the Italian Senate towards the end of this month.

They declared that "actions for the defence of peace must be immediately intensified and greatly extended" and promised further details shortly of a final mass protest meeting in Rome.

Political observers regarded this as foreshadowing another stormy session in the Chamber, reminiscent of the debate on the proposed treaty last March when filibustering Communists and Socialists kept Parliament in an uproar for days.

Ratification of the Atlantic Pact has been presented to the Italian Parliament as "urgent" by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Sforza.

The Treaty will be taken up by the Chamber's Foreign Affairs Commission this week.

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Miss Fischer said that she considered it her task to tell the British and European public the truth about her brother, who was once the Editor of the Berlin Communist newspaper Rote Fahne (Red Flag) and in mild opposition to Stalin.

Eisler, she declared, had never been a political refugee from Nazi or any other oppression. His opposition to Stalin had led in 1928 to his being ordered to Moscow. Since that time, he had never been back to Germany.

### MINOR MISHAP

The fact that her brother was interned after the collapse of France in a Vichy internment camp was, according to Miss Fischer, only a minor mishap in his career. He was soon freed by the Soviet Secret Service and again sent to Mexico and to the United States where he had the job of supervising, and many Latin American Communist movements.

Miss Fischer, who has become a United States citizen, said she could not understand why the British Government went to the trouble of removing Eisler from the Polish liner Batory at Southampton on a United States extradition request and then allowed him to be released.

"Gerhard Eisler will now be able to use his experience in political terror against the oppressed German and Eastern European working classes. His release was a very tragic political mistake," Miss Fischer said.—Reuter.

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